

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

The Parish Council has been made aware of a 'message in a bottle' scheme promoted by the Lions Clubs. In summary, the bottle contains a form which you complete with medical information and store in your fridge. Emergency services are aware of the scheme and are alerted to the presence of the bottle via a green cross sticker prominently placed in your property.

Having access to medical information quickly and securely may enable the emergency services to speed up their response to your individual needs during a medical emergency.

The Parish Council has purchased a small supply of these bottles to be distributed to residents. If you feel the scheme will be useful for you or a close relative, **please contact the Clerk** and arrangements will be made for the bottle to be distributed.

CIL MONIES

The Parish Council will receive a Community Infrastructure Levy to help us deliver services and infrastructure to support the amount of new development in the area.

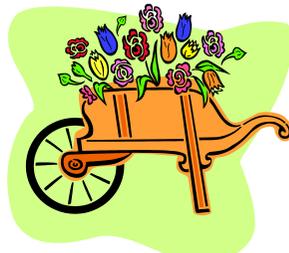
The last edition of the Newsletter contained a form for residents to complete and state how they would like this Levy to be spent. Our thanks are expressed to all residents who responded. As a result of the survey, the Parish Council is looking at a number of projects:

- Woodplumpton play area

The Parish Council would like to refurbish the whole play area but can only provide improvements in line with the City Council approval. We are currently negotiating the addition of some new pieces of play equipment and improved flooring. Phase 2 of the scheme will include improvements to the drainage on the playing field and a marked football pitch.

- Parish Lengthsman

The Parish Lengthsman provides a valuable service improving and enhancing areas in the Parish. This involves a variety of jobs such as mowing, strimming, litter picking and general outdoor maintenance. His role also includes supporting the County Council by repairing paths and stiles on public rights of way. The Parish Council is keen to ensure that verges are well maintained and that the Parish is kept clean and free of litter, so we are making arrangements to increase the lengthsman's hours and increase his coverage to include the new housing areas.



- Community Market

Several residents requested a community shop but the Parish Council does not have the resources or budget to operate this. However Members do believe that there is an opportunity for an individual or an existing business to run and organise a farmers market in Catforth Village Hall and we would be interested to hear from any interested organisations or individuals.

Woodplumpton Parish Council would like to invite individuals or existing businesses to tender for a unique business opportunity to run and organise a **Farmers Market / Market Stalls**, to be based at Catforth Village Hall, Preston, PR4 0HE on the day and time of your choosing (subject to availability). Hall hire fees may be subsidised. For further details or information please email Julie Buttle the Parish Clerk at wparishclerk@gmail.com

- Highway improvements

A variety of suggestions were put forward to deal with speeding traffic around Catforth and Woodplumpton and we are in the process of discussing different options with Lancashire County Council.

- Defibrillators

The Parish Council provided a grant to Woodplumpton District Club on Bartle Lane to enable the Club to erect a defibrillator on an outside wall accessible to all. Following the success of this initiative the Council is looking at the provision of another device in the parish.

- Dog / Litter Bins

Additional litter / dog bins will be provided throughout the parish. The bins need to be emptied regularly so they need to be easily accessed by the City Council refuse vehicles and we are currently discussing suitable locations with the City Council

- War Memorial

The war memorial was cleaned and the lettering was refreshed in 2014. New planters were also added.

The Parish Council is now looking at replacing the concrete blocks with railings and improving the access to the memorial.



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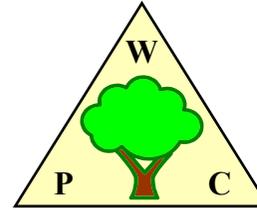
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council meetings alternate between **Catforth Primary School**, School Road, Catforth and **Woodplumpton Parish Rooms** at the rear of St Anne's Church. Meetings start at **7.00pm**. The next meeting will be the Annual Parish / Annual Parish Council meeting which will be held on **Monday 16th May** at Catforth Primary School at **7.00pm**.

The Annual Parish Meeting is not a formal Council meeting - it is a meeting where residents can find out about the work of the Parish Council, community groups and activities / events in the area. The Chairman of the Parish Council will give an Annual Report and a Financial Report will also be presented. Local schools, community groups, City and County Councillors are invited and are given the opportunity to update residents on their activities throughout the year.

If you represent a local organisation and wish to provide or present information to residents, please contact the Clerk.

The Parish Council has continued to work with Lancashire County Council following the flooding incidents in December. It is understood that a number of investigations have been carried out and LCC have promised to provide a summary of the actions to the Annual May meeting.

BUS SERVICES

The Parish Council opposed LCC's decision to withdraw bus subsidies as this would put many rural bus services at risk. Whilst we are pleased that the bus operators decided to continue Service 80 and Service 4, the long term future of these services remains unsettled.

With this in mind, the Parish Council would like to establish **how many residents rely on the bus service**, what time of the day the service is used the most and the most frequently used pick up and destination points. If you use the bus service regularly and would be adversely affected if the service is cut further, please contact the Parish Clerk using the contact details on the back of the Newsletter so we have some **written evidence** to help us try to arrange alternative provision for those who rely on the service the most.